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TUITION GOES UP

Next year's tuition for the present junior class will be raised $100 a year, the Board of Trustees decided on April 14. The room rent was also raised $15 per semester for all classes.

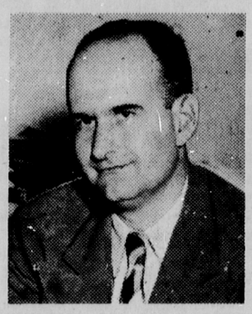
The room charges for men will be $90 per semester except that where more than the normal number of men are housed, it will be $80 per semester. For women, it will be $105 except for specified rooms, currently $75, which will cost $90 per semester. The tuition for the Class of 1952 has not been raised since it entered. The Classes of 1953 and 1954 are already paying $600 a year.

The board bill for all students eating in college dormitories was raised $15 at the beginning of the present semester. Dr. Stratton stated that the raising of college expenses is regretted, but is necessitated by the increase in costs since the start of the Korean war.

CIO Economist To Give ASP Sponsored Lecture

What were the real reasons behind labor's walkout on the Truman-Disalle price and wage stabilization discussions a few short weeks ago? What will labor demand for its part in the stepped up defense armament program? The answers to these and other vital questions will be offered by Frank L. Fernbach, an economist on the CIO National Staff, who will speak Friday evening, April 27, at 8:00 p.m. in Mead Chapel.

Mr. Fernbach, who is currently serving in Washington as the national representative for the CIO United Steel Workers of America, is sponsored by the Alpha Sigma Psi fraternity in connection with their 1951 Lectureship Program. A member of both the Labor Advisory Committee on Wages to the U.S. Department of Labor, and National Wage Stabilization Board in 1946, Mr. Fernbach is also the national representative for the Education and Research Department of the CIO. In addition, Mr. Fernbach is very much concerned with industrial safety, and the rehabilitation of the physically handicapped, having



FRANK L. FERNBACH

worked with committees considering these problems.

There will be no admission charge for Mr. Fernbach's talk.

Midd To Change Failure System By Faculty Vote

At a meeting held last Tuesday afternoon, the faculty voted that a freshman must have three failing grades at the end of his first semester in order to be dropped, instead of the present three D's. The faculty also voted that mid-semester grades for freshmen must be reported to the Deans. The grades will be given to the student, his advisor, and his parents.

The text of the new rulings is as follows:

1. "The academic standings of all freshmen will be revised at the end of the first semester and freshmen who have not demonstrated ability and incentive to carry on college work may be asked to withdraw. Freshmen who receive three failing grades at the end of the first semester are dropped from college. Normally, the final evaluation of a freshman's work is postponed until the end of one college year."

2. "All instructors having freshmen in their classes are required to report grades for

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SOPHOMORES

All sophomore women interested in living in the freshman dormitories next year as junior advisors are requested to attend a meeting on Monday, April 30, at 4:30 p.m. in the South Lounge of the Student Union. Following the meeting, the girls who definitely want to be junior advisors will sign with Mrs. Kelly.

The committee which will make the final selection will be composed of Student Union officers, the presidents of the freshman dormitories, and Mortar Board members. In choosing junior advisors, emphasis will be placed upon interest both in the system as a whole and in working with younger girls.

Over 200 Pledge To Blood Bank

Final arrangements, with the assignment of appointments for student donors, have been made for the Red Cross mobile blood unit which will be here next Tuesday, May 1. Thus far over 200 students have pledged blood. Anyone else who desires to do so should contact William Huey '52, Middlebury 210.

The unit will be set up in McCullough Gym. Appointments are scheduled between 1 p.m. and 6 p.m. Seven student nurses will assist the unit, and a canteen for dispensing coffee and sandwiches to the donors will be operated.

Before giving blood, the donor will register and fill out a medical history. The actual process of giving blood takes about six minutes, after which the donor should remain relatively inactive for a short period.

Donors are asked to be prompt for their appointments and to check their appointment cards to find out what foods they should not eat beforehand.

Stratton Advises Students To Take U. S. Draft Tests

President Samuel S. Stratton urged this week that all draft-eligible students take the forth-coming aptitude test to be given on May 26, June 16 and 30 in order to improve their chances of deferment. A fourth date, presumably in July, will shortly be announced, at which date students whose religious beliefs prohibit their taking the test on a Saturday will be given the examination.

Dr. Stratton urged students to refer to the recent remarks of Brig. Gen. Louis H. Renfrow, deputy director of the draft agency and second in command of the draft program. A report of a recent broadcast by General Renfrow appeared in the New York Times this week.

General Renfrow advocated that all students take the test regardless of their scholastic standing. Failure to have pre-draft rating scored from the test could mean induction. Renfrow's words on the subject were as follows: "It is vitally important for everyone eligible for the test to take it." Later he more forcefully asserted that all draftable male students "must take the test and have it in the files."

Renfrow was making his broadcast, he stated, as a result of reports that students were not applying to local boards for applications as quickly as had been expected. Many college students, he further related, had planned to refrain from taking the examination because they were afraid of making poor scores.

Prior to this announcement Selective Service let the individual student decide whether or not to take the exam. He could either take

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Junior Class In Training For "Oh-lympic" Games On May 5

According to the co-chairmen of the Junior Weekend Activity, Charles S. Lauer '52 and Barbara A. Cummiskey, '52, the Oh-lympic games to be held at 2:15 on the afternoon of May 5 at the baseball field will be "the biggest extravaganza ever held on the Middlebury campus." Feeling that the colorful Oh-lympics would do much to aid the cause of world brotherhood and to relieve the tense international situation, the games will replace the usual Junior Weekend baseball game.

Dressed in unusual native costumes, fifty or sixty members of the sophomore, junior, and senior classes will represent nations from all corners of the globe in the "relay," "broad-jump," "marathon," "discus," and other thrilling events. Widely known athletes who for the first and last time will appear in a single event include: Mathatma B. Huey and Sahib E. Rathburn of India, Alexovitch Petrie and Comrade C. Holmes, U.S.S.R.; Minchow S. Baldwin, China; Michael O'Hollister and Robbie Rey, Ireland; Donald Rowe, Israeli; Torreador C. Lauer and Picador L. McMillen, Spain; Di Buchanan, Norway; and Carol M. Brautigam, Alaska. Germany, Peru, the United States of America, Nicaragua, Italy, Afghanis-

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WMCRS Back; FCC Ban Eased

WMCRS, the Middlebury College radio station, is on the air again after an absence of six months. The station began broadcasting last Friday, April 20, with a three hour disc jockey program from 8:00 p.m. to 11:00 p.m. and will continue broadcasting from Tuesdays to Fridays at this time. Main features will be college sports events and recordings.

Last October 16, the station suspended operations under orders from the Federal Communications Commission. At this time an F.C.C. inspection showed that the station was overpowered and over-reaching its prescribed radius by a few miles. The new programs initiated this spring are to be non-commercial, and are listed as 'test' programs, until a representative from the F.C.C. has checked the station in May.

New Fine Arts Course Offered

A new course, Fine Arts 38.1, will be offered to juniors and seniors next fall. The course, Art During the Middle Ages, will be a study of early Christian, Byzantine, Romanesque, and Gothic Architecture together with their sculptural and decorative aspects. An attempt will also be made to cover Manuscript Illumination.

R.O.T.C. . . . No; Midd By-Passed

Middlebury College was notified recently that it has not been accepted as a location for an Air R.O.T.C. unit at this time. Only sixty-two additional colleges in the United States have been approved for units out of the 450 applications that were recently received.

This college has been under consideration as a possible location for a unit since February 19, when an Army Air Force Colonel visited the Middlebury campus to inspect the college and its facilities. In this state, Air R.O.T.C. units were granted to St. Michael's College and to the University of Vermont, both of which have larger men's enrollments than Middlebury.

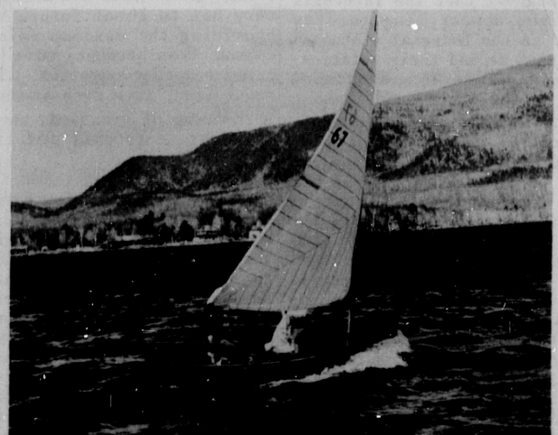
MIDD SAILORS PURCHASE FLEET

Three new Larchmont interclub dinghies have been purchased by the sailing club in an effort to stimulate interest in boating at Lake Dunmore. The new boats will be used for recreation as well as intercollegiate racing. The craft replaces the old Weasel dinghies used since the club was formed in 1946.

With the new boats already at the lake and the purchase of a fourth impending, Midd sailors are looking forward to a full schedule. Meets with Yale and Rhode Island are already planned for next year. Big things are expected from the club in the New England Intercollegiate Sailing Association now that suitable equipment is available.

Planning for the purchases began a little over a year ago when club officers met with Admiral Hewett, who gave them invaluable advice. Shortly after, a meeting with Dr. Stratton revealed that a $500 gift had been made to alleviate the club's financial problems. The team then decided to pay its own expenses in order to add to the boat fund. Finally, after a successful Commodore's Ball, the sailors saw their plans realized.

Additional enthusiasm has been added to the club by a large freshman turnout. The sailing club feels that they have at last hit an even keel after several seasons of rough sailing.



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MIDDLEBURY CAMPUS

Why Lower Standards?

The Student Educational Policy Committee last week stated " that Middlebury College is morally obliged to its students and alumni to maintain its present standards and reputation." Let us examine some of the arguments for and against the lowering of educational standards at Middlebury, and how we believe that standards can best be maintained.

A BALANCED BUDGET

Rising costs have made it difficult for the administration to balance its budget. The announcement this week that Middlebury has not been chosen to receive an ROTC unit was an unwelcome one for the administration, which is naturally concerned with getting and keeping students here four years. Some people are saying that the college should operate with a deficit for a few years. Because the crisis on the international scene is both far from over and far from reaching a potential climax in total war, it would seem rather shortsighted, perhaps, to utilize deficit financing at this time. The theory behind deficit financing is based on a return of draftees to college in two years. As yet, however, not enough students have gone into the service to justify such a measure.

REDUCING THE FACULTY

For those attempting to balance the budget, certain aspects of college life present easy targets for the paring knife. To reduce the number of professors and to increase the proportional load on those who remain is an often-used method of reducing costs. The most notable example of this method in recent weeks was at Rollins College, widely known as a Country Club, where the faculty was reduced by one-third. As a point of interest to Middlebury students, Rollins, according to *Life* magazine figures, had before the purge approximately the same number of faculty members for 650 students as Middlebury has for 1200. Rollins still has a better ratio than Middlebury, although numbers don't attest quality. Any attempt to reduce the faculty here means a reduction in the curriculum, further overburdening of remaining members, and, consequently, a lowering of educational standards.

Last week the faculty approved a proposal which, in effect, will make it very difficult to flunk a freshman student out of school in February. This action represents a lowering of standards under what they have been, but it is a proposal with which most people can agree. Few people completely adjust to college life immediately upon arrival. For some the time needed is longer than for others. Up until now, the college has flunked freshmen in February and then readmitted them in September, after the flunkees had spent a semester at other schools. The proposal is designed to permit freshman flunkees to redeem themselves scholastically at Middlebury instead of somewhere else. The college operates on a yearly budget, not a semester one. To lose a big batch of freshmen in the middle of the year represents a serious financial loss. Under the new plan, the freshman who doesn't make the grade will get the boot in June.

PROPOSED CHANGES IN STANDARDS

The question of proposed changes in educational standards has been subjected to considerable discussion among students. The proposal regarding freshmen which was accepted by the faculty is believed by students to represent a compromise between the faculty and the administration after a reported faculty rejection of a proposal which many people believe would have seriously and unnecessarily lowered educational standards for all classes. The rejected plan, as the students have come to understand it, would have allowed any student to remain in college, if, during his four year tenure here, after any one semester, one-half of his total grades for all semesters were above 70. Such a plan would have permitted students to graduate with 20 D's instead of the 8-D limit. One faculty member estimated that it would have been possible under the rejected plan for a student to remain in college in good standing with an average below 60. We commend the faculty for their stand on this proposal.

THE STANDARDS AND THE BUDGET

At first glance it might appear that there is a dichotomy between the faculty, which is supposedly interested in maintaining educational standards, and the administration, which is supposedly interested primarily in balancing the budget. We suggest that the interests are not as far apart as might appear. The faculty cannot help but be interested in the financial status of the college; for upon that status depend their salaries, working conditions, and the whole structure of education. The administration, on the other hand, cannot help but be interested in the educational standards; for if the purpose of the college is education, then, in the long run, the main criterion for the survival of the institution is how well it is able to achieve its purpose. If the purpose of this institution and its officers is other than education we should be told the purpose; so that we may be able to evaluate new proposals in the proper light.

We suggest, then, that to utilize deficit financing is unwise at this time, but no more unwise than is any attempt to lower educational standards in what appears to be efforts to attract and to keep unqualified students for the purpose of obtaining the added tuition income. Proposals along both these lines are based primarily upon expediency, not upon any far-sighted program for the preservation of the Middlebury we know, the Middlebury that has taken 150 years to build.

ADMISSION STANDARDS

There exists a course of action wherein those who are concerned primarily with maintaining standards and those who are attempting to balance the budget may find their positions dovetail. It lies in a strengthening of the standards of the admissions offices, primarily that of the men's college. Rather than talking about an adjustment of educational standards to the level of the students who cannot meet present standards, let us work to keep the level of the incoming students as high as in the past. Let us obtain students who have at least the ability and maturity to work for the minimum grades required by the college. There are few students here now who would say that Middlebury is an exceptionally tough school. Perhaps there are other aspects of this matter of standards and admissions policy that are important, aspects that were touched by the S.E.P.C. last week.

It was announced this week that 220 men have been accepted for next fall from an approximate total of 550 applicants. With 550 applicants from whom to choose, the admissions office should have been able to get 220 good men, students capable of meeting the present educational standards. Last year, however, in many cases the admissions office found it difficult to fill a class with such men. At least, such was indicated by the poor record of many members of the freshman class at mid-year grading. Why not, we may ask? We wonder, along with the S.E.P.C., if there is not considerable pressure on the college by alumni and " friends" of the college to admit certain students " or else," even though some of those students may not be qualified or prepared for college. The S.E.P.C. speaks about the moral obligation of the college to maintain standards. We suggest that some alumni are falling down on their moral obligations both to help the college maintain its standards and to make the college maintain standards.

FACULTY LOSES ITS VOICE

Two years ago the College Bulletin read: " The Committee on Admissions (faculty members and the admissions director) is willing to consider, under certain conditions, candidates of unusual ability who cannot meet fully the prescribed requirements." Although the faculty logically should have a voice in changing admissions rules, the statement was amended this year, without faculty knowledge or consent, to read: " The Director of Admissions may consider, under certain conditions, candidates of unusual ability who cannot meet fully the prescribed requirements." Was the statement changed in response to frequent demands to admit certain students who would have been unacceptable to the faculty members on the committee? The unusually high number of flunks in February might indicate that a good number of freshmen did not meet the regular admissions requirements. Would the Director of Admissions care to state what percentage of the freshman men last fall had been admitted by special selection? And how many of the large number of freshmen dropped in February were here through special selection because they were " candidates of unusual ability who cannot meet fully the prescribed requirements?" Why has the faculty been deprived of a voice in the matter of special selections?

INFLUENCE OF ALUMNI

The children and grandchildren of alumni should receive special consideration by the admissions offices; and opinions of alumni, it is expected, will always carry some weight with any college administration. It is, however, the moral obligation of alumni not to make unreasonable demands on their alma mater or to condition their support of the college upon the acceptance of unqualified or unprepared students. At the same time it is the moral obligation of all people connected with Middlebury College to support and to encourage the admissions offices in the procurement of high-grade freshmen. This is more than just a ramification of the prep vs. high school controversy; it is a matter of maintaining high admissions standards directed towards obtaining students capable of making a place in the Middlebury community, and towards attracting students of the highest caliber.

PROTECTING THE DIPLOMA

Students and alumni should be vitally interested in proposals aimed at effecting a lowering of educational standards. We want our diplomas to be worth as much five years, ten years, fifty years from now as they are today. We want Middlebury to remain a college to which we will desire to send our own children someday. We want Middlebury not to cheat future Middlebury students by not providing the maximum values to be gained from education. Some students come here because of Middlebury's present good reputation: if standards don't equal the reputation, then such students will have been cheated. A lowering of standards hurts the individual, not just for four years, but for life; for college years are formative ones.

These are trying times in all walks of life. Great courage and foresight are required to be able to follow courses of action aimed at achieving long-range goals and at preserving high standards such as this college's. Those responsible for the formulation of the policy of this college have no right to follow policies based solely on expediency. There exists an obligation both to past and to future generations of Middlebury students to protect the value of the 6,000 diplomas held by alumni and the value of those which are to be awarded in the future. Will Middlebury diplomas continue to symbolize the high educational standards developed over 150 years, the 150 years that Middlebury College went to so much effort to celebrate last fall?

MIDD MEMO

A bouquet of roses and horseshoes to Don " This-is-the-first-time-I've-tried-it-sober" MacLean '51, for introducing the hit song of Junior Weekend. Had he not been sober, perhaps the song would have gone something like this: " If I sent a blue to you for every time you made me ho(a)rse, then you would have a room full of pink elephants."

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Speaking of horses and elephants and what-not recalls the Charlie Chaplin movie shown at the local cinema recently.

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Daily News Note last week (with parenthetical expression added): " The Department of Buildings and Grounds requests all golfers (and others?) who are using the Golf Course before its opening to refrain from pitching balls onto the green, walking on the greens, or practice putting on the greens. Your cooperation now will make possible better greens later in the (golfing and grassing) season."

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If the Judiciary Committee is still seeking the Pearsons Hall peeping tom pictured on the front page of this paper several weeks ago (around April 1st), they might consult Smarlinghue " The Great" about the " maidenform" he found in Bill Platka's ('53) coat. Seems that he and Hank Gross '51, both amateur magicians, attended the performance to pick up some professional pointers, got called up on stage, and got picked up on a few points instead.

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Revolting against Mr. Charles Sanford's statement in American Novel class that Middlebury coeds lack sex appeal, coeds came to the next class meeting wearing red sweaters to show their heated indignation. Said Mr. Sanford, not realizing the cause of the protest, " I don't know what you want, but I sure hope you get it."

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Memorandum for the week ... Everyond: attend all Junior Weekend functions. Seniors: between job interviews and studying for comprehensives, devote some of your spare time to committee work for Commencement Weekend now before trips to Dunmore and beer busts begin in earnest.

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In the pinned and engaged spotlight this week are Marilyn Murphy '51 and William Stewart '51, recently pinned, and Marianne Folke '51 and Paul Lincoln '52, engaged.

Competitive Test For State Dep't Given Graduates

The Department of State announced this week a competitive written examination to be held September 10-13, 1951, for appointment as Foreign Service Officer, Class 6. The examination is open to men and women who as of July 1, 1951, are from 21 to 31 years of age, and are or have been American citizens for ten years.

Candidates who pass the examination will be given an oral and a physical examination in the early part of 1952. Those who are successful in all of these examinations will be appointed at salaries ranging from $3,630 to $4,730 per annum, depending on age and experience.

Further information may be obtained from the Board of Examiners for the Foreign Service, Department of State, Washington 25, D.C.

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Stage Manager Reviews Play

By Ron Hannah....

The cast for the spring production have, each and everyone, made great strides from the first rehearsal. Those strides have been made not only in the memorization of lines, but also in the portrayal of character. In the runthrough last Friday night, Margaret Groff as Electra, had started to capture the flavor of a young woman urged onward by revenge. Robert Ringer, her younger brother, began to be captured by her force of purpose.

Ernest Tanner, the Peasant, opens the play with a beautiful monologue explaining all the preceding happenings important to the play.

Patricia Chamberlin is working hard to give a good portrayal of Klytemnestra, Electra's mother. She is doing well in her attempt to give her characterization the haughty grandeur befitting a husband's murderess. Mike Hall has the opposite extreme for his character goal. He is fast developing himself into the divine being, Kastor, who has been chosen by the gods to come down to earth and hand down the ultimatum on all the actions that have passed during the play. As the old family retainer, true to his master and his family, even though the master had been killed, Theodore Higley shows us the noble humility and devotion of the Old Man in his little favors toward Electra.

The Chorus, which has been under the direction of Rita Berger, has achieved group movement that is both pleasing to the eye and interpretive to the style of the play. This production of ELECTRA, since itis stylized, makes very little attempt at realism. The play is in itself a discourse on the relative merits and disadvantages of fanatical filial affection. Since Rita Berger has left, Jacqueline Willaredt has taken over as Chorus Mistress. The Chorus of Argive Women who are the friends of Electra are: Jacqueline Willaredt, Janet Schongar, Dianne Gates, E. G. Cox, Carolyn Johnson and Cathleen Collins.

In the technical end of the production, William Platka has, with his construction crew, built three huts and started on the rocks and ground rows for the set.

W.A.A. Chooses All-Midd Team

The Woman's Athletic Association has recently announced its 1951 All-Midd basketball team. Forwards are Louise Erb '52, Martha Ladd '53, and Jean Gilmore '54; and guards, L. Elizabeth Fortescue '51, Jean T. Schmitt '51, and Elizabeth L. Schimmat '52. Honorable mentions were awarded to Marilyn L. Brindley '52, forward, and Joan G. Taylor '52, guard. The All-Star team was chosen by "A"-team captains, the basketball manager, and Miss Peggy Slevin.

The junior women won both the "A" and "B" class tournaments this year. "A" team members are Marilyn L. Brindley, Louise Erb, Charlotte F. Olsen, and Phyllis J. Mortimer, forwards; Elizabeth L. Schimmat, Joan G. Taylor, Marion N. Thomann, and Nancy J. Thomsen, guards. The "B" team members are Sarah B. Lunt, Martha K. Peck, Joyce Rohr, and Constance E. Stowe, forwards; Carol C. Holmes, J. Elizabeth Mitchell, Anne G. Nichols, Roberta Rey, Anne L. Upson, and Ann L. Warren, guards.

Shaw Heads IRC For Next Year

Joan M. Shaw '52, was elected president of the International Relations Club at the last meeting. The other officers are Vice-President-Secretary, Marianne Dennis, '54, and Treasurer, Peter A. Neisser, '54. The council will be elected next semester.

At the next meeting, to be held before May 14, Dr. Robert S. Babcock of U.V.M., moderator at the 1950 Middlebury Conference, and Dr. Claude L. Bourcier of Middlebury will debate World Federalism, Dr. Babcock taking the negative, and Dr. Bourcier the affirmative. The Daily Notices will announce the date and time of the debate.

Mammoth Jazz Concert-Dance Here Saturday

Jazz and music lovers of this community are awaiting the greatest thing that has yet happened in the history of jazz at Middlebury. This Saturday, April 28, from 9:00 p.m. until 12:00 p.m. at the High School Gymnasium, they will be treated to the improvised harmonies of J. C. Higginbotham, one of the finest jazz trombonists in the country.

The I.F.C. sponsored program will also include "Rusty" Jackman and his Dartmouth Sultans. The dancing will start at 9:00 p.m. and continue until 10:00 p.m., at which time the Sultans will join Mr. Higginbotham in the concert. at 11:00 p.m. dancing will be resumed until midnight.

The Dartmouth group is becoming more and more popular in this area, and is now recognized by authorities in the East to be one of the finest organizations of its kind. The Sultans need no introduction to Middlebury College, which heard them play this winter at the Klondike Rush and at several fraternity houses during Carnival week. "Rusty" Jackman, the leader, plays a trombone that is fast approaching the stature of Mt. Higginbotham's.

In introducing this concert to Middlebury, the I.F.C. is bringing an all-time jazz great. For three years, J. C. Higginbotham was named by "Metronome" as the country's most outstanding jazz trombonist. Boston University recently featured him in a similar concert, which was a tremendous success.

Judicial Committee Clears Reiland

The Student Judicial Committee, at a meeting held on Monday, April 23, decided to work in conjunction with the Dean of Men on all future decisions in order to avoid the repetition of such a misunderstanding as occurred last week over the impoundment of the car of Donald K. Reiland '51. The Judicial Committee had voted to impound Mr. Reiland's car for a second offense of failing to register. This week, however, the decision was reversed.

The committee wishes to make clear that in cases involving the impoundment of cars, the operator forfeits the right to drive not only the impounded car, but any other car as well.

Recent driving infractions include: William B. Leatherbee '54, and John J. Mullins '54, - for operating a car in violation of the freshman car regulations. Their car privileges have been suspended for the first 120 days of the fall semester. Mr. Mullins' car has been banned for the remainder of the school year.

Clifton B. Austin '54, was refused permission to operate a car on specific weekends for business purposes.

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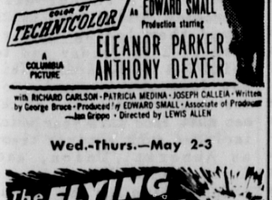

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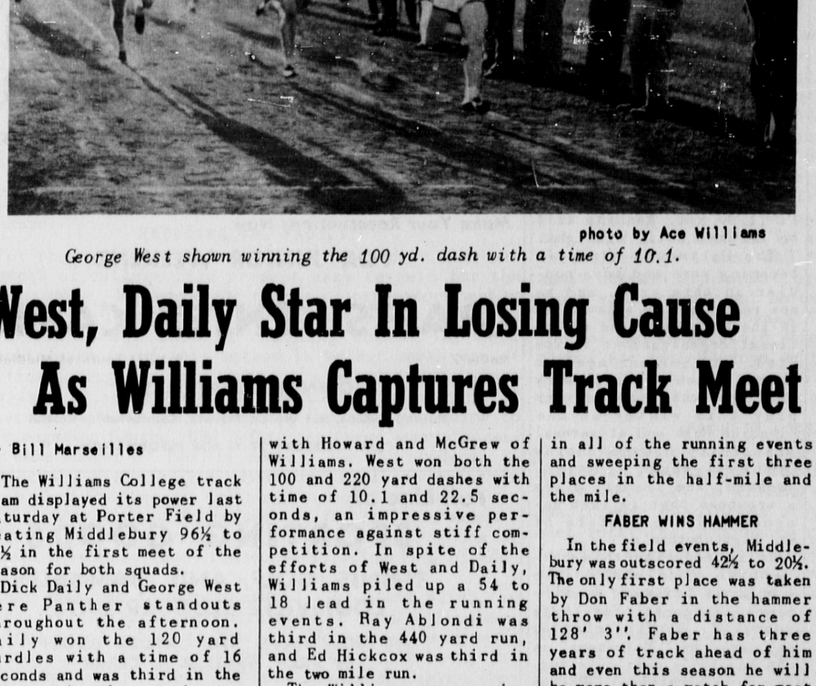

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George West shown winning the 100 yd. dash with a time of 10.1.

West, Daily Star In Losing Cause As Williams Captures Track Meet

By Bill Marseilles

The Williams College track team displayed its power last Saturday at Porter Field by beating Middlebury 96½ to 38½ in the first meet of the season for both squads.

Dick Daily and George West were Panther standouts throughout the afternoon. Daily won the 120 yard hurdles with a time of 16 seconds and was third in the 220 yard hurdles. Sophomore West shared scoring honors with Howard and McGrew of Williams. West won both the 100 and 220 yard dashes with time of 10.1 and 22.5 seconds, an impressive performance against stiff competition. In spite of the efforts of West and Daily, Williams piled up a 54 to 18 lead in the running events. Ray Ablondi was third in the 440 yard run, and Ed Hickcox was third in the two mile run.

The Williams runners impressed the crowd by placing in all of the running events and sweeping the first three places in the half-mile and the mile.

FABER WINS HAMMER

In the field events, Middlebury was outscored 42½ to 20½. The only first place was taken by Don Faber in the hammer throw with a distance of 128' 3". Faber has three years of track ahead of him and even this season he will be more than a match for most

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Storrs Allows Two Hits; Ump Calls Game In Eight

By BILL HUEY

The Middlebury baseball team opened the 1951 season with a mark in the win column as they downed a visiting Champlain club 6 to 1 on a windswept Porter Field before a chilly, but enthusiastic crowd. The game was an abbreviated contest since it had to be called at the top of the eighth inning due to darkness. Despite the cold, the Panthers displayed a portion of their power as they clustered together three hits in the first inning to produce four runs, plus three more bingles and two tallies in the fourth for a total of six runs.

Barrie Storrs started and finished the game on the mound for the home club and held the visitors to two hits and one run although he was forced to utilize some fancy clutch hurling to avert more damage. Storrs had some trouble with his control in the first frame and allowed the bases to become crowded via a hit, a walk, and a hit batsman. He then bore down and retired the side.

PANTHERS GRAB EARLY LEAD

The Middmen wasted no time in the bottom half of the first and got to pitcher Tom Brown for 3 hits and 4 runs. The big blow of the rally was Bobby Stalker's hard hit double to center which drove in Wendy Forbes from first base. Stalker raced across home plate when Jerry O'Neil lashed out a sharp single to left. Hunt and O'Neil completed the scoring when they were driven home by Captain Eddie Coppinger's infield single.

Storrs got in and out of trouble again in the second when he walked one run across, but that was to be the end of the Champlain scoring for the afternoon. His mates bounced back in the fourth to give him two more runs. Catcher Bruce Curtis opened that inning with a double to left center field. Storrs then contributed to his own effort by driving out a single to right which allowed Curtis to score the fifth run of the game. Forbes kept the rally alive when he pushed Storrs across with a single through short thereby setting the score in its final form -- 6-1.

Champlain Falls; Netsters Win 9-0

Last Saturday afternoon the Panther tennis team lifted the curtain on its nine game schedule with an impressive 9-0 romp over a mediocre Champlain College net squad.

This spring beaspectacled English Prof. Lockwood Merriman has taken over the coaching duties of the tennis squad, and from their fine showing Saturday, it appears he is doing an especially good job.

The team was somewhat weakened Saturday by the absence of Captain Scott Buzby because of Naval Reserve Units requirements, but as evidenced by the above, the squad managed to come through without any ill effects.

This year's team seems to be a better balanced and stronger unit than the 1950 edition. Holding down the number one position is Holland's gift to Middlebury tennis, John Luytjes. John has displayed some fine tennis play so far and should prove to be one of the mainstays of the team as the season progresses. Consistent Frank Tuxbury, Don Axinn, Bob Dodge, Jim MacTiernan, and Neil Myers round out the squad.

Even though Middlebury had a fairly easy time of it Saturday, the rest of the schedule is a tough one with such teams as R.P.I., Union, Vermont, Trinity, Paul Smiths', Clarkson, and St. Lawrence providing the opposition.

From The Ivy Tower

By Ken Nourse

A FRANK OPINION

This is the next to the last appearance of "The Ivy Tower". In a couple of weeks, I'm going to play "old soldier," and just fade away. But before I fade, I'd like to express my personal opinion of the athletic situation here at Middlebury. It's not going to be a vary tactful expression, but rather a very frank opinion. Last year, when Bill Huey and I helped Sam with his athletic survey, we were forced to rewrite our orriginal assignments because they were too bombastic. In the words of John Walsh we were "potential wild men". Well, some of the wildness has disappeared, but the sincerity of thought still remains.

TOO MANY WITH TOO FEW

Middlebury is a small college and yet we have more sports than we seem to be able to handle properly. There just isn't enough money to satisfy the whole. Granted, the major sports should receive the largest portion of the funds, but the present split doesn't even approach equality. I firmly believe that we should have all these sports ... it's healthy. It gives practically every student the chance for participation. I am vehemently opposed to any form of subsidization up here. If that means the caliber of the teams goes down .. O.K. .. let it. A losing team that tries is better than a losing team that's paid.

It's no secret that football and hockey are "elect" sports. They get the most money, they have the best schedules, and they get the most attention. But for Middlebury to schedule hockey games with Yale, Princeton, B.U., etc., next season, and they are scheduled, is rather foolish. In the same light, the football game with Williams in 1952 is rather foolish. Why can't Middlebury be satisfied with their "own league" and play for the sake of playing? Why do we have to try out for the role of giant-killer?

They laughed at us when we played Clarkson at Lake Placid in hockey; they laughed at us when we played Tufts in football two years ago .. the same year they laughed at us at Trinity. Are we really satisfying the alumni in those areas when the opposition is already conceded to be so much better than we are? When the players themselves say, "I don't know why we can't stay in our own backyard," it makes you stop and think. I don't think we should de-emphasize football and hockey, but I do think we should stabilize somewhere along the way.

...LIKE THE PURPLE KNIGHTS?

St. Michael's admittedly emphasizes football and basketball. They have no Lacrosse, no Track, no Cross-Country, and a negligible Ski team. We have all of these plus the major sports. Now, we could do as St. Mike's does and emphasize football and hockey and de-emphasize or cut out the rest of the sports. But this would meet with loud student protest. The Sailing Club has approximately 70 members; the Lacrosse team, 31; the Cross-Country team around 9; the Ski team around 9; and the Track team around 15. If we chose to cut these sports from the agenda, it would directly affect about 134 students. However, we could put all the money used in these sports into football and hockey. It's bad policy to do things half way. We should do one or the other instead of trying to do both. I personally, think that we should keep all the sports that we now have and stay in our own backyard.

THE AIR IS TENSE

Once upon a time, you could walk into the Field House and breath freely. That situation no longer exists. The air is tense down there and it is not the fault of the students. The fault lies with the powers that be. When a cageless baseball team is forced out into the wild April weather so that fourteen (14) men can run through spring football drills, there is something wrong. When a Baseball team, a Lacrosse team, and a Track team are all practicing at once on the basketball court and the tennis team has the whole other half of the Gym to itself there is something wrong. When some of the coaches are not on speaking terms, there is something wrong. When there is a former All-New England college Lacrosse player teaching C.C. and not helping with Lacrosse, there is something wrong. When authoritative sources predict that the male enrollment will be about the same next year and a gentleman is released because of anticipated financial difficulties, there is something wrong.

I'm not calling for a Kefauver Committee but there should be a realignment in Mr. Healy's "out house for elephants." Our situation is good on paper, but rather inefficient in practice. Let's make the most of what we have and do it now. Middlebury offers a varied sports program, but the success of it lies in its handling. Procrastination is the thief of time.

Stickmen Bow In Boston Harvard 17-2; Tufts 9-4

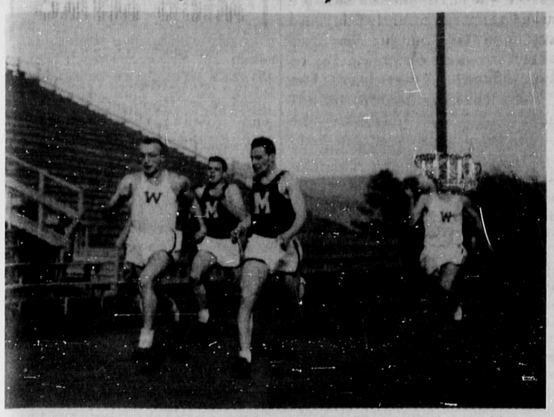
The 17 to 2 Harvard score is a poor indication of the game that was played on the field since the Panthers were down only four goals at the half -- 6-2. Dick Esten and Monk Ogden both promising young freshmen tallied during the second quarter to keep Midd in the ball game, but then, the Superior Crimson stick handling and conditioning began to show. The home team amassed 11 goals in the second half while holding Middlebury scoreless. The men from Harvard thereby garnered their sixth win in nine starts thus far.

Still nursing their bumps and bruises, the Middmen traveled to Medford to meet Tufts on Saturday afternoon only to come off the field again on the losing end of a rough encounter -- 9-4. Middlebury was on the short side of a 5-3 score, but during that half the lads displayed a good brand of lacrosse with their hard checks and rhythmic teamwork. Diminutive Dick Kroeck, flashy attackman, whipped the ball into the nets twice to gain Midd scoring honors, and was followed by Esten Bobby Kelly who posted one apiece. Again the club was menaced by lack of practice in the final stanza as evidenced by the Tufts surge of four goals.

The Panthers will have their third outing this Saturday when they journey to meet Amherst. They will return to the home ground on May 2 when they tangle with Williams on Lang Field.

The Middlebury lacrosse team returned Sunday afternoon from a rather discouraging Boston trip which found them losing to Harvard 17-2 on Friday and to Tufts 9-4 on Saturday. This was just the beginning of the tough schedule the stickmen must face this year which includes such veteran teams as Amherst, Union, and Springfield. The trip was discouraging in the sense that the boys have not as yet been able to whip into top playing shape due to the limited practice sessions. They found it extremely difficult to keep up with the two opposing clubs.

. . . And Achilles Heeled



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Picture shows Ablondi and Stotz in final stretch of the 440 yd. run.

Track

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of the competition he faces. In the discus, which was taken by Howard of Williams, Dick Eddy finished second. Fish Herring placed second in the shot put. Howard won this event also with a throw of 40' 5½" long. McGrew, Williams' other leading point getter, won the high jump with a height of 5' 8½". Hemphill and Prinn took second and third for Midd. McGrew also won the broad jump. Daily and Cascio finished second and third for the Panthers. Williams won the first two places in the javelin and Hutchinson of Middlebury was third. Finally, Bragg finished second in the pole vault behind Walter of Williams who jumped 11 feet.

On Saturday, the Panthers travel to Waterville, Maine, where they will compete in a quadrangular meet with Bates, Colby, and Vermont. Daily, West and Faber will be counted upon heavily to come through with the points needed to put Middlebury in the running.

Showman Turns Father While Relating Past Middlebury Athletic Experiences

By Don MacLean

...TELL US POP

Last Wednesday evening, the annual sports banquet, sponsored by the Blue Key was held for all the muscle benders of the school. It was a fine affair. The food was ample, which is saying something if you could have seen the hungry-sportsters ravage turkey after turkey. During the onslaught, Guido Tine looked over his mountain of dressing and nudged his neighbor, "Better eat it up. This is the last feed."

It seemed hardly possible that, for some, this would be the last feed. Guys like Forbes, Loveys, Nightingale, Connors, O'Neil, and the rest of the seniors departing seem ageless and classless in this society we call Midd. Everytime you turn around, they have been on some friendly field of strife, defending the honor of the ol' Gameliel Painter. And yet, this is it - the last class of the turbulent G.I. To borrow a phrase in describing their leaving from a retiring general whose name I have forgotten for the moment, "An old soldier never dies." Maybe its just as well this group is going. A new bunch of vets will be cropping up pretty soon.

Thinking back, its been a long road, this college career. Long in many ways, and much too short in others. I can't help but feel in this year's graduation, that an era is coming to a close.

What has happened during this span of the conquering heros return. Let's see: Starr Hall was rebuilt, Memorial Field House was constructed, the two Battells and Carr Hall have taken their respective places, but this is of little consequence. It's the people that make the college. It's the characters, good and bad, that make Middlebury distinctive from any other institution of its kind. Assuming this, Midd has had little to fret about. It has been richly endowed, especially in the field of sport.

Daydreaming the other day, a recurrent habit, blamable on the season, I fashioned myself as the father of four strapping youngsters, whose ages, I would say, ranged from between 10 to 16. In this particular setting, they were clustered about me, and one of them piped up, "Tell us about football at Middlebury when you were there, Pop! Did you ever have any great players?"

"Humm, now," I found myself saying, "Yes, I think we did. In '45 I remember we had a fellow named Jack Dineen. Never saw a person so nervous before a game. In the Connecticut game that year he got so upset, he lost his lunch and scored on the same play. Ran like a scared Jackrabbit. Some guy, that Jack.

...JUST TOO POOPED

"There was another fellow that year. Think his name was Jenkins. Well, late in the same game I mentioned before, Jenkins and mind you, he was just about beat out from playing the whole game, broke out in the clear from deep in our own territory. Down the field he went, running right over most of those Connecticut fellows. Soon he was alone. Not a man for 20 yards on either side of him. We were all jumping up and down for joy. All of a sudden, it came to us, that Jenkins wasn't going to make it. Just too pooped. After a few more staggering steps, he came to a complete halt. Out of gas. With a slight reel, the ball fell from his hands and he toppled into the dreamland of exhaustive slumber. Funniest thing I ever saw.

...CLEATED FURY

"After the war, the G.I. Bill brought all sorts of characters. Good ball players, too. Why, breathes there a University of Vermont alumnus who has not cursed the name of Johnny Corbisiero softly into his beer. He made their lives miserable for three years. Johnny, so the story goes, faded back in his end zone one cold Saturday afternoon, and tossed a perfect pass to an end named Meeker on the ten. Well, Meeker started lugging the ol' pigskin down the field. And who do you suppose threw the final block that made the touchdown possible. That's right. Corbisiero. No man to trifle with, that fellow. Used to call him 'Cleated Fury' and they weren't far from wrong.

Had a substitute end on that team named Bill Philcrantz. So, listen to this, one day at practice, they were trying some kickoffs, and Duke Nelson, who was coaching at the time, spots this Philcrantz lallygagging around. 'What would you do, Bill, if the ball came to you on a kickoff?' he says.

"'Why, throw it back on the field!' says Philcrantz, 'I'd have no use of it sittin' on the bench.'

...TIL HE WAS PUNCHY

"I'm tellin' ya', we had 'em all back in those days. Fellows like McNamara Monaco, Thompson, Lindeman, Marty Johnson, Dreunen. Now, there was a center for you, Pete Drennan. Used to play till he got so punchy he couldn't tell which team was his. Real men.

"And then followed more of these guys. Paul Farrell, Merlcoky, Hollister, Loveys, Forbes. Now let me tell you about Forbes. When he hit the line..."

"Uh, Dad," the oldest son interrupted, "that's enough for now, huh? Would it be O.K. if I borrow the plane tomorrow? Fred's dad got tickets for us to go to the Notre Dame game at South Bend, only he's going to be using their plane this Saturday and well..."

"Sure, son sure it's O.K., but back when I was your age we never..."

"Thanks, Dad, I'll be careful."

What's to become of this coming generation?

Tri-State League Names All-Stars

The 1950-51 Tri-State All Hockey team was dominated by members of the championship Clarkson Tech sextet. The first team was composed of the complete Clarkson first line; Stan Moore, Bill Munro, and Mac White. The defense was made up of two team captains; Ken Brown of Clarkson and Wendell Forbes of Middlebury. Gene del Vecchio of St. Lawrence was picked as the goalie.

The second team line included Bill Cronin and Spider Gibson of Middlebury. Rolly Schopp and Chuck Lauer of Midd made honorable mention.

Bush League View

By Don Rowe

Mr. John "Happy Chandler" Kelly will throw out the first ball sometime this week, weather permitting, to inaugurate the 1951 Intramural Softball campaign.

A quick look into the crystal ball shows a wide open race for the pennant with the DU's having a slight edge over the rest of the field.

The defending DKE championship club has lost five starters from last year's team and will not be the powerful hitting outfit of old. However, they should hold their own with veterans Bill Tracy, Mel Wasson, Dan Scott, and Red Connors returning.

CHI PSI will be seeking revenge on the DKE's this year after being beaten by them in last season's playoff. The CHIPSIE'S will feature Bob Delaney, Chuck Rielle, Chet Nightingale, Sid Nordenschild, Tom Jacobs, and John Cook on this year's nine.

The ATO's have about the same team back as they had last year. Irv Farrar, Tom Leavitt, Tom Gillam and John Bowker are once again expected to take charge of the ATO attack.

Fresh from taking the Intramural Basketball Championship, the DU's would like to continue their winning ways and take the softball crown. With Marlette, Bergwall, Nourse, Handy, Zeiller, Terry, Baker, Huey and Cronin all returning, they will be tough to beat.

Fluff Grocutt's pitching worries are over. The PKT's have landed the services of Gardner Wood. The remainder of PKT's "Murderous Row," Pat Carse, Hank Thomas and Al Iannone, will all be back to make Grocutt's worries lighter.

The THETA CHI's will be led once again by Scott Hagan. Returning to the softball wars with Hagan are Ernie Tanner, Giff Eager, and Niel Myers. Jim Offutt, a newcomer, should be a big help in the pitching department.

SIG EP has lost its star of last year, "Red" Ellis, but Jack Moye and Doug Webb, Hoot Wescott, Dick Davis, and Clayt Butzer will carry on to make many an unpleasant afternoon for the opposition.

George Usher's KDR nine has its chief troublemakers in Russ Wyman, Bill Hall and Carl Alexander. However, Pat Toby is foregoing the game this year and Usher is in hopes of picking up a right fielder before the campaign begins.

The ALPHA SLUGS have Fred Brooks, Sandy Bing, Ralph Gunderson and Bill Hare as their big guns. Pitching is their main problem, but with good hurling they are expected to prove troublesome.

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Marine Major To Complete O.C.C. Candidate Enrollment

Major W. H. Cushing, procurement officer for the U.S. Marine Corps, will make a visit to Middlebury on May 2 and 3 for the purpose of conducting final physical examinations and completing enrollment of candidates for Officer Procurement Programs.

The Officer Candidates Course, open to seniors and men graduates between the ages of 20 and 27, provides for eight to ten weeks of basic training starting on July 2, after which candidates will be commissioned as Second Lieutenants and will go to Quantico, Va., for further training.

Major Cushing will also accept candidates for enrollment in the Platoon Leaders Class among the undergraduates. Under this plan a man may enlist in the Marine Corps Reserve and remain in college until he receives his bachelor's degree. Upon receiving this degree and successfully completing two summer training periods, he will receive a Second Lieutenant commission.

Women students between 18 and 25 who are interested in either the Marine Corps Reserve or the Naval Reserve Office Candidate Program may still enlist. Training for the Marines begins on June 18.

Debaters Meet Amherst Saturday

Fletcher Van Parker '51 and Haydn Mason, graduate student, will represent Middlebury College Saturday, April 28, in a non-decision debate against Amherst College to be held in Monroe 303 at 7:00 p.m.

The Middlebury debaters, according to Professor Perley C. Perkins, debating squad coach, will uphold the negative of the National College Topic for 1950-51, "Resolved: the non-communist nations should form a new international organization."

Other debates scheduled by the Middlebury team for the remainder of the year include one on Friday, April 27, at Bishop's College in Canada where Haydn Mason and Shoana J. Edgar '51, will take the affirmative in a decision bout on the topic of Health Insurance. On May 6, the St. Lawrence University team will visit Middlebury for a Sunday debate on the national topic, and on May 9, James C. Straney '51 and Shoana J. Edgar '51, will compete against U.V.M. for the annual Lawrence Prize in Debating. Other debates scheduled for the season include those with Colgate on May 11, with Williams on May 14, and two debates with the University of New Hampshire on May 18.

Draft Tests

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it or depend upon his scholastic rating to secure a deferment. The draft agency has declared that draft boards may base deferments of college students next fall on the scores made in the aptitude test or on general scholastic standings. Should the former possibility be realized, failure to have a score recorded on an individual's draft file, would force a board to order his induction.

The house version of the draft bill, which is being debated in the Senate and may possibly be altered in the process, does not stipulate as it stands now, that draft boards are to be bound by the results of the aptitude exam. Renfrow feels, nevertheless, that it is advisable for eligible students to take the test.

Dr. William W. Trumbull, Princeton, N.J., vice-president of the Educational Testing Service which is in charge of the testing program, has disclosed that only 50,000 applications have been received to date. He further added that cramming would not aid a student in passing the test. He advised that students devote their energy to improving their scholastic averages.

Faculty Vote

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them at mid-semester to the offices of the Deans, said grades to be communicated immediately to the student, his advisor and his parents, together with appropriate comments or warnings, if necessary."

"Oh-lympic"

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tan and France will also be represented in the Midd Oh-lympics of 1951.

Torch bearer Ernie Tanner will keynote the thrilling afternoon, while the "Outhouse-kid," Don MacLean, will announce the events, interview the participants, and keep the exuberant crowds under control.

OFFICERS

William H. Howard '52, was elected president of the Alchemist Club on Wednesday, March 28. Other newly elected officers are: vice-president, Douglas S. Langdon '53; secretary-treasurer, Phyllis A. Mercaldi '53; and publicity chairman, L. Allan Wright '54.

CORRECTION

Alice Hildreth '52, will be manager of next year's women's ski team, not Alice Bennett, as was stated in last Week's *Campus*.

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